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SUBJECT: IRANIAN COMPANY EFFORTS TO PROCURE STEEL FROM
SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANY

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Classified By: Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Raymond L. Brown for Reas
ons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1.(C) On July 9, PolCouns delivered reftel demarche to DFA
DepDir M. Combrink (Non-Proliferation) who thanked us for the
notification, and said the SAG appreciates early information
on these matters. He said the SAG has two distinct approaches
to this type of USG notification that determines their range
of action. First, if it is solely a matter of a U.S.
bilateral sanction or policy, the SAG has no legal basis for
intervening in the activities of local companies that are not
engaged in illegal activity based on domestic law. However,
if it is a matter of multilateral
policy/sanctions/agreements/resolutions, the SAG does have a
basis and obligation for such intervention. SAG officials
usually contact the South African company in question
whenever a notification indicates a possible policy or legal
conflict. The SAG then advises the local company that they
are on the U.S. or international "radar screen" and their
activities are no longer confidential.

2.(C) That said, the SAG advises the local firm that their
business decisions/activities with Iranian and other targeted
enterprises could negatively affect their business interests.

When it is a matter of multilateral
policy/agreements/resolution, the SAG has more leverage to
terminate objectionable business activity n by local firms
within their jurisdiction. In this specific case, Combrink
personally made contact with the firm, in conjunction with a
counterpart from the SAG Department of Trade and Industry, to
let the national firm know they had received our notification
and encouraged them to take into consideration the
international context of their business activity in light of
bilateral and multilateral action based on non-proliferation
concerns related to Iran.

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